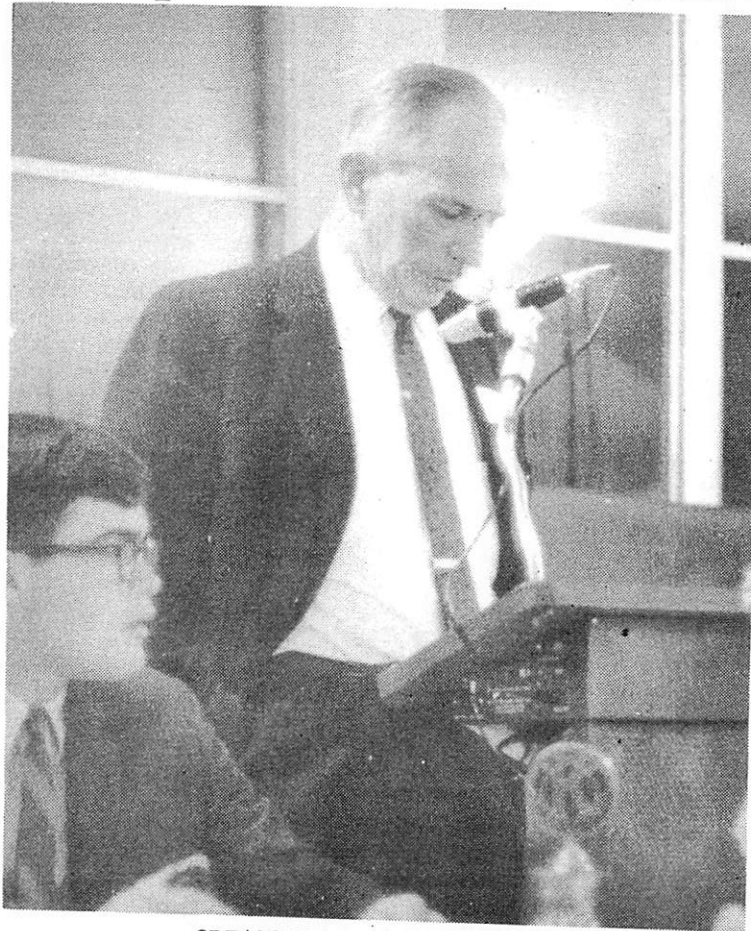


Philip Delano Will Retire



SPEAKING AT TOWN MEETING

Philip W. Delano, who will in March 1969 retire as chairman of the board of selectmen and assessors after 28 years of faithful service to the town, was first elected in 1941 when he ran for the two offices against Paul Swanson, Edward Arnold, and William Radcliffe.

Twice previously, he had run unsuccessfully against Harry Swift who, along with Sidney Soule and Charles Crocker, was an incumbent. In the second contest it was a tie vote until Joseph Lund walked into the Town Office with six absentee

votes. In 1927 he came to Duxbury to live with his grandparents, Herman H. and Helen (Osborn) Delano. Young Philip graduated from Partridge Academy in the same class as Blanche (Mrs. William) White, John Peterson, and Carl Santheson, Jr.

He attended the University of Pennsylvania for two years with the intention of becoming a veterinarian, and continued his studies in the field of animal husbandry at Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Ontario, Canada.



PARTRIDGE ACADEMY GRAD

frontage. The requirements two years later were stepped up to 30,000 square feet with a 150-foot frontage. In 1952 the minimum size of a lot was set at 40,000 square feet with a 200-foot frontage.

"We tried to be conservative in the old days," Mr. Delano told the Clipper. "We set the mood of slow, orderly growth."

BIGGEST PROBLEMS

Despite the proliferation of developments (there is one 200-lot development in West Duxbury between Autumn Ave. and Birch St.), much virgin land remains in Duxbury, Mr. Delano said. But the town would in his opinion have to double in population before the town needs a representative form of town government, which would require the township to be divided into precincts. He does not at present favor a town manager or an executive secretary.

The biggest problem has always been, and will continue to be, assessing, he added. He thinks the problem can be handled locally, rather than depending on an outside team of experts to move in and reassess.



PRESENTING new boat to Manuel Oliver, our highly esteemed Harbormaster.

Anyone - man or woman (he said some towns have "selectwomen," known as selectmen) - who seeks the office of selectman and/or assessor in Duxbury, should understand that they will have to put in long hours. The Duxbury selectmen at present meet on Thursdays from 4-6 and 8-9:30 officially, but they rarely get home before 10:30 or 11. During the week they receive telephone calls and must at various times meet with department heads. For six months of the year assessing takes care of their Saturdays. They must process bills, which more and more pile up as the town expands.

Candidates should, before assuming office, familiarize themselves with certain General Laws, especially Chapters 40, 41 and 44, which deal with town and city government and municipal finance. They should also study the Selectmen's Association booklet, which suggests the scope of duties involved.

They must expect to be collared on the street or in the post office.

"They must have a thick hide, too," Mr. Delano smiled. "Selectmen and assessors are often subject to criticism, some of it warranted."

Besides listening to complaints and problems of every conceivable sort, they must investigate thorny situations. The matter of restraining dogs, which seems simple, may lead to litigation.

And even the business of fence-viewing upsets some taxpayers. The fence may be too high. It may infringe on a few inches of a neighbor's property.

Then there is the matter of perambulating boundaries, making appointments (and thereby making enemies), preparing the town warrant, and being blamed for hiking the tax rate, notwithstanding that the real villain of the piece is often school costs.

Mr. Delano, has a final word of advice for prospective candidates:

"Don't make too many pro-

ballots in favor of Swift. Normally, absentee ballots must be mailed from an out-of-town address, but the courts upheld the decision of the local tellers.

SOME CHANGE

The population of Duxbury when Mr. Delano was elected selectman and assessor in 1941 was 2300. The tax rate was \$22.30. He first served with Sidney Soule, who held both offices for 35 years, and Charles Crocker. When Mr. Soule resigned on reaching the age of 70, Walter Prince was elected to fill the vacancy. During his 28-year tenure, Delano served with nine other men, including Charles Crocker, Walter Prince, Francis Perry, Newton Hyslop, Dr. J. Newton Shirley, James Jenner, Charles Tenney, and Theodore Reed.

He enjoyed his associations with these men.

NOT A NATIVE

Philip Delano was born on St. Botolph St. in Boston, the son of Charles W. Delano and Addie S. Delano. Before coming to Duxbury in 1927, he lived at 153 Kent St. in Brookline, on Strathmore Rd., and Corey Hill. He attended the Runkle School and Devotion School (near Cool-

idge at the University of Pennsylvania he met and married the former Henrietta Moore of Springfield.

In Duxbury Mr. Delano worked as a substitute RFD mail carrier for about 15 years.

In his next venture, he operated a dairy farm off Enterprise St., and sold milk to Nook Farm until that firm went out of business. He then raised Herefords and turned to the beef market, raising only enough crops to feed his herds.

In 1936, when his uncle, Dr. Herman Delano resigned as animal inspector, Mr. Delano was appointed to succeed him.

SERENE DUXBURY

In 1941 life in Duxbury was slow-paced and serene. On the police force were Chief James O'Neil and two officers who were to become chiefs - the late Lawrence Doyle and the late Earl Chandler. H.E. Merry headed the Duxbury Fire Department.

Most of Powder Point by this time was owned by non-residents. There were no zoning regulations or a building code. In 1944 zoning regulations require lot sizes of at least 20,000 square feet with a 100-foot

the entire town. He thinks Partridge Academy should be restored to house the Town Offices, thereby completing the restoration of an historic town complex made up of The First Parish Church, Old Town Hall and Partridge Academy.

The workload of town employees has sharply grown. The town accountant and town clerk and treasurer need modern data processing equipment to ease their burden. The lack of space is particularly distressing for Town Clerk and Treasurer Maurice Shirley, whose work is constantly interrupted, forcing him to work many extra hours at night with no added compensation. The position of town accountant, to mention one, should be reclassified, in the opinion of Mr. Delano, and the salary structure of the police department should be modified. At present existing inequities. For example, when Sergeant Henry McNeil became chief, he took a salary slash, and by not being allowed to work overtime, is put in the embarrassing position of earning less annual salary than some of the men in his department.



WORKING AT HIS DESK

misses which you can't keep." TIME TO RELAX Mr. and Mrs. Delano have a daughter, Justine, who lives in North Attleboro, and two sons. Philip W. Delano, Jr., lives in Duxbury, and Charles Delano teaches school in Danbury, Connecticut.

After a busy 28 years, Mr. Delano deserves time for rest and relaxation. Except for Sidney Soule, no man has worked for so long a span in the offices of Duxbury selectmen and assessors. Mr. Delano should be happy in the knowledge that his efforts have been greatly appreciated.



1 to r, Selectmen Shirley, Delano and Jenner with John Sears at opening of Plymouth-Home National Bank in Snug Harbor.



Tossing out first ball at opening of Little League



Members of The First Baptist Church look on while Chairman Delano speaks at groundbreaking ceremonies. At his right, 1 to r, Selectmen Theodore Reed and James Jenner.